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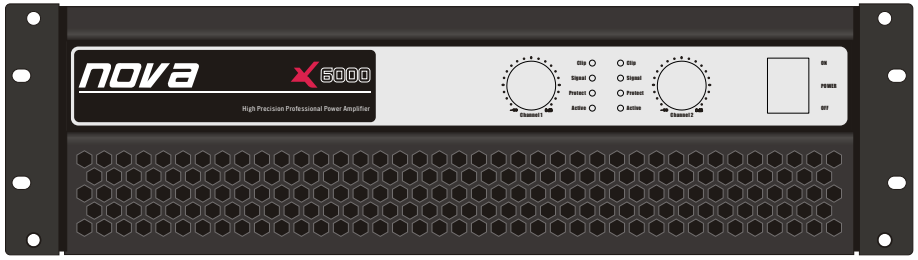
## X Series

### *PROFESSIONAL POWER AMPLIFIER*

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# NOVA Products
# Service Information Form

**Owner's Name:**
**Shipping address:**
**Street:**
**City:**
**Zip Code:**
**Country:**
**Phone Number:** **Fax Number:**
**Email:**

**MODEL:** **SERIAL:**
**NUMBER:**
**Place of Purchase:**
**Name of Dealer:**
**Full Address:**
**DATE OF PURCHASE:**

**Nature of the problem**
(Be sure to describe the conditions that existed when the problem occurred and what attempts were made to correct it.)

**Other equipment in your system**

**If warranty has expired, payment method:** ❑ **Cash** ❑ **Check** ❑ **Visa** ❑ **Master card number:** **Signature:**

**Enclose this form with the defective unit. Do not mail separately.**

## NOTES:

**WEEE Mark**
If you want to dispose of this product, do not mix with general household waste. There are separate collection systems for used electronic products in accordance with legislation under the WEEE Directive (Directive 2002/96/EC) and is effective only within the European Union.





## *LIMITED WARRANTY*

**THE WARRANTY**
For a period of One (1) year from the date of delivery to the original purchaser (as shown on the original invoice or sales receipt), NOVA International Group Limited warrants to the ORIGINAL OWNER of each product (provided it was purchased at an Authorized NOVA Dealer) that it is free of defects in materials and workmanship and that each product will meet or exceed all factory published specifications for each respective model. NOVA agrees to repair or replace (at its discretion) all defective parts at no charge for labor or materials; subject to following provisions:

**WARRANTY VIOLATIONS**
NOVA shall take no responsibility for repair or replacement as specified under this warranty, if the damaged product has been subject to misuse, accident, neglect or failure to comply with normal maintenance procedures; or if the serial number has been defaced, altered or removed. Nor will NOVA accept responsibility for, or resulting from, improper alterations or unauthorized parts or repairs. This warranty does not cover any damage to speakers or any other consequential damage resulting from breach of any written or implied warranty.

**NOVA WARRANTY PROVISIONS**
NOVA will remedy any defect, regardless of the reason for failure (except as excluded ) by repair, or replacement. NOVA will remedy the defect and ship the product within a reasonable time after receipt of the defective product at an NOVA Authorized Service Center.

**TO OBTAIN WARRANTY SERVICE**
In the event that an NOVA product requires service, the Owner must contact NOVA or an Authorized NOVA Service Center to receive an R.A.N. ( Return Authorization Number) and instructions on how to return the product to the NOVA Authorized Service Center, or to the factory. NOVA (or its Authorized Service Center) will initiate corrective repairs upon receipt of the returned product. Please save original carton and all the packing materials in case shipping is required. All products being returned to the factory or service center for repairs must be shipped pre-paid.

If the repairs made by NOVA or the NOVA Authorized Service Center are not satisfactory, Owner is instructed to give written notice to NOVA. If the defect or malfunction remains after a reasonable amount of attempts by NOVA to remedy the defect or malfunction, the Owner shall then have the option to elect either a refund or replacement of said NOVA product free of charge. The refund shall be an amount equal to but not greater than the actual purchase price, not including any taxes, interest, insurance, closing costs and other finance charges (minus reasonable depreciation on the product). If a refund is necessary, the Owner must make the defective or malfunctioning product available to NOVA free and clear of all liens or other restrictions.

**MODIFICTTIONS OF EQUIPMENT**
NOVA reserves the right to modify or change equipment (in whole or part) at any time prior to delivery thereof, in order to include therein electrical or mechanical improvements deemed appropriate by NOVA; but without incurring any liability to modify or change any equipment previously delivered, or to supply new equipment in accordance with any earlier specifications.

**DISCLAIMER OF CONSEQUENTIAL AND INCIDENTAL DAMAGES**
YOU, THE OWNER, ARE NOT ENTITLED TO RECOVER FROM NOVA ANY INCIDENTAL DAMAGES RESULTING FROM ANY DEFECT IN THE NOVA PRODUCT. THIS INCLUDES ANY DAMAGE TO ANOTHER PRODUCT OR PRODUCTS RESULTING FROM SUCH A DEFECT.

**WARRANTY ALTERATIONS**
No person has the authority to enlarge, amend, or modify this Warranty. This Warranty is not extended by the length of time which the Owner is deprived of the use of product. Repairs and replacement parts provided pursuant to the Warranty shall carry only the non-expired portion of the Warranty.

**THIS STATEMENT OF WARRANTY SUPERSEDES ALL OTHERS CONTAINED IN THIS MANUAL**

The information furnished in this manual does not include all of the details of design and engineering of this particular product; not does it cover every possible application or situation concerning its usage, which may occur during the installation, operation or maintenance of said NOVA product.

IMPORTANT
THE PRODUCT REQUIRES
CLASS 2 OUTPUT WIRING.

**CAUTION**

TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE TOP OR BOTTOM COVERS. NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL. DISCONNECT POWER CORD BEFORE REMOVING REAR PANEL COVER TO ACCESS GAIN SWITCH.

Shock Hazard - Do Not Enter
Choc Hasard - N*entrent
Schocke Hazard - Test Nicht Betrete
Urto Hazard - Do Non Entrano

**WARNING**

TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS EQUIPMENT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE!

Magnetic Field

CAUTION: Do not locate sensitive high-gain equipment such as preamplifiers or tape decks directly above or below this unit. Because this amplifier has a high power density, it has a strong magnetic field which can induce hum into unshielded devices that are located nearby. This field is strongest just above and below the unit. If an equipment rack is used, we recommend locating the amplifier(s) at the bottom of the rack and the preamplifier or other sensitive equipment at the top.

The lightning bolt triangle is used alert the user to the risk of electric shock.

The exclamation point triangle is used to alert the user to important operating and/or maintenance instructions.

Printed on recycled paper.





**Service**

This unit has very sophisticated circuitry and should only be serviced by a fully trained technician.

This is why each unit bears the following label:

**CAUTION**

**To prevent electric shock, do not remove covers. No user serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to a qualified technician.**

**Worldwide Service**

Service may be obtained from your local authorized service center. To obtain service, simply present your sales receipt as proof of purchase along with the defective unit to an authorized service center. They will handle the necessary paperwork and repair. Remember to transport your unit in the original factory packaging.

1. When sending a NOVAproduct to the authorized service center for service, be sure to fill out the service information form that is enclosed at the end of this manual and include it inside your unit's shipping pack. Do not send the service information form separately.

2. To ensure the safe transportation of your unit to the authorized service center, ship it in an original factory-packing container.

3. **Do not** ship the unit in any kind of rack. Ignoring this warning may result in extensive damage to the unit and the equipment rack. Accessories are not needed. Do not send the instruction manual, cables and any other hardware.

## SPECIFICATIONS

| MODEL | X6000 |
|---|---|
| Max output power | |
| RMS at 1 kHz and 1% THD | |
| 8 Ω per channel (Watt) | 1750 |
| 4 Ω per channel (Watt) | 3000 |
| 2 Ω per channel (Watt) | 4500 |
| 8 Ω bridged (Watt) | 6000 |
| 4 Ω bridged (Watt) | 9000 |
| (Note-1.Max output @4ohms bridge with burst signal 100ms) | |
| THD at 1 kHz and 1 dB below clipping | 0.10% |
| Slew rate | 45V/ μ s |
| Dampping Factor | 600 |
| Sensitivity | 26dB/32dB/1.4V |
| Input connectors | XLR Female |
| Link connectors | XLR Male/Phonejack |
| Mode Switch | Stereo/Bridge/Parallel |
| Output Connector | Speakon |
| Operation voltage | 230V |
| Soft Start | Yes |
| Dimensions ( W x D x H ) | |
| Unit ( mm ) | 483 x 446 x 133.4 |
| Packing ( mm ) | 560 x 560 x 195 |
| Weight ( kg ) | |
| Net Weight | 35 |
| Gross Weight | 38 |





### Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of a X Series audio power amplifier. We would like to thank you for your confidence in us and our products.

All the components were specially selected. Although the amplifier was designed to allow straightforward and uninterrupted operation, improper handling or incorrect installation could damage the power amplifier.

Your amplifier represents the latest technology in power amplifier design. Please read this manual carefully as it contains information vital to the safe operation of your amplifier.

### Unpacking

Check the carton box and its contents immediately to see if there is any sign of damage.

Upon unpacking inspect the amplifier, if you detect any damage inform the forwarding agent without delay and ask for the damage to be documented.

Claims can only be made against the forwarder agent by the consignee.

Be sure to save the carton and all packaging materials for the carrier's inspection.

It's a good idea to save the carton and packing material even if the amplifier has arrived in good condition. Should you ever need to ship the unit back to service office, or one of its Service Center . Using only the original factory packaging will be the best way to save the unit from carrier negligence.

### Installation/Mounting

The X6000 is 3- rack space units that can mount in a standard 19" rack. Four front panel mounting holes are provided.

Rear mounting ears give additional support especially important in mobile sound systems.

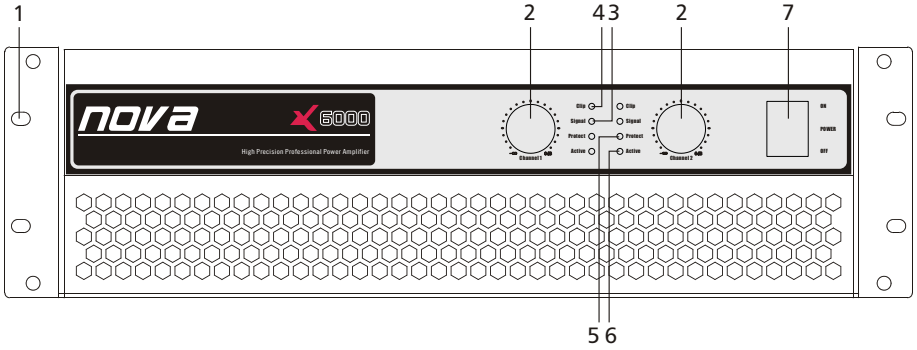
*The unit should not to be installed in a location with:*

- Too high ambient temperature, dust build-up or excessive humidity;
- Fog machines output's oriented to the area of the amplifier;
- Exhaust air ventilators and similar units near the area of the amplifier;
- With permanent vibrations;
- With excessive induction or magnetic fields due to transformers and transmitters;

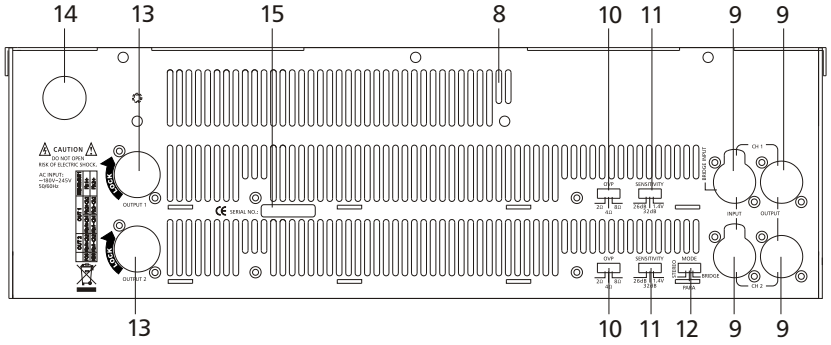
### The Show Always Goes On

X6000 is completely protected against every possible error in operation and is designed to work under every condition. It gives you maximum power with maximum safety and increases long-term reliability. Anticipating potential problems at the design stage means your show always goes on!

## Front Panel




## Rear Panel




1. Rack mounting ears
   Two front panel mounting holes are provided on each mounting ear.

2. Input attenuator
   Two front panel precision 41 steps input attenuator adjust level for their respective amplifier channels. Minimum attenuation (-0dB) equals maximum output. In the bridge mode both level attenuator must be at the same position. We recommend that you set CH1 to the -0dB (full) position.

3. Signal bar LED
   Each channel has a signal LED, as the input signal strength increase, the green SIGNAL indicators light respectively.

4. Clip/Limiter LED
   Each channel has a LED that light at the real clipping point (more than 0.5% T.H.D.) and also indicates the input signed is compressed by amplifiers.





## Parallel Inputs (Link)

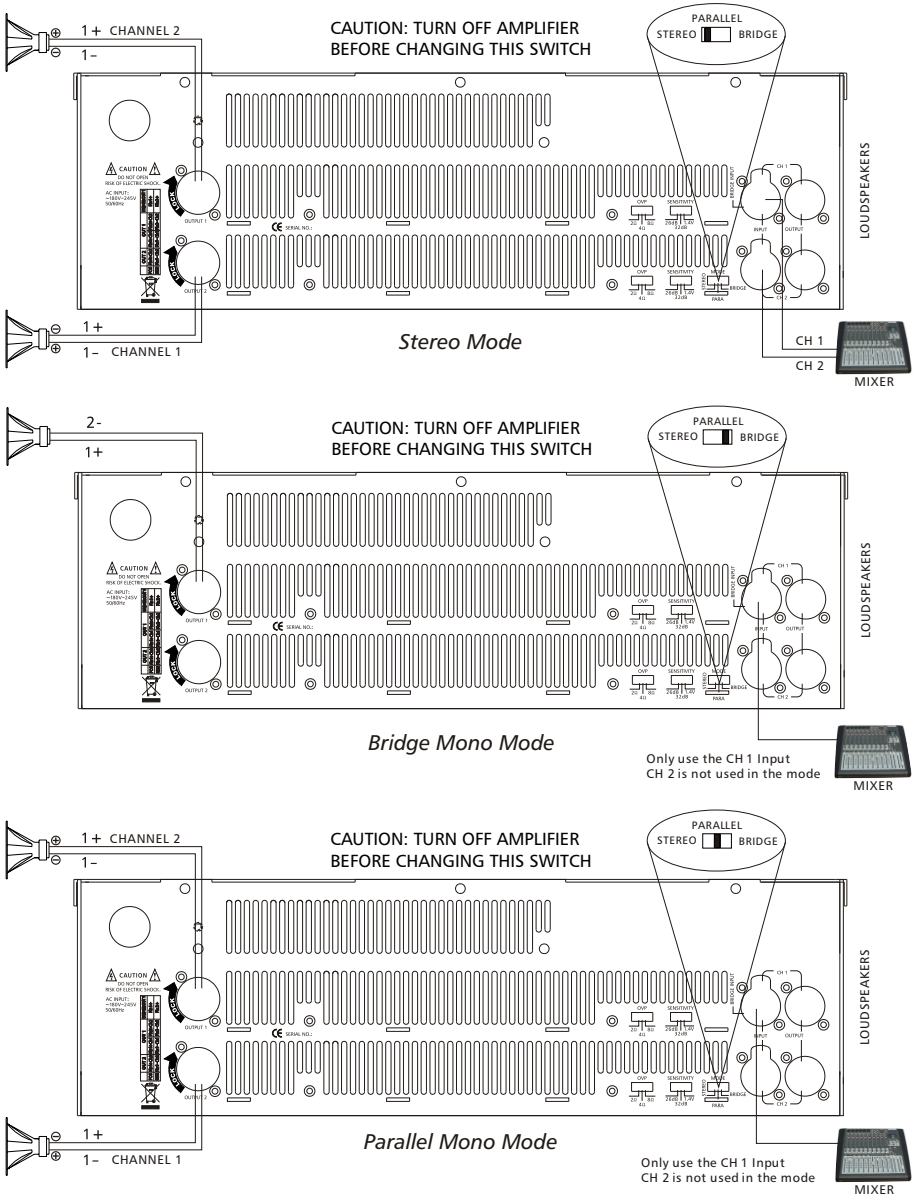



***Figure 1***

**Stereo Mode (standard)**

In stereo mode, the channels operate independently, with their input attenuators controlling the respective channel's level. Recommended minimum nominal load impedance for stereo operation is 4 or 2 Ohms per channel (as indicated on the specifications). Loudspeakers are connected to the speakon outputs CH 1 or CH 2. For reference see Figure 1

**Bridged Mono Mode**

In Bridged Mono mode, both amplifier channels work with the same input signal, but with inverse phases. The result is a doubling of the output voltage and thus double the power on the double impedance. If the amplifier is to be operated in Bridged Mono mode, ONLY one input may be used CH1. We recommend that you set them to the -0dB (full) position. Loudspeakers are connected to the speakon output CH 1. For reference see Figure 1.

**Parallel Inputs (Link)**

In parallel mode both channels' inputs are linked and receive the same signal. The parallel mode is active if the Link switches are in position "PARA". Both level attenuators are active, allowing you to set different levels for each channel. Note that only the inputs are connected in parallel. This is NOT a parallel mono mode. Never connect either positive output terminal to ground or in parallel. You may use the remaining input connectors to carry the signal to other amps. NOTE: Always turn off the Link switch when using the amplifier for Bi-amping.





5. Protect LED

Each channel has a Protect LED that will light when the load connected is lower than 1 Ohm or amplifier broken. If the amplifier is going to operate above its maximum operating temperature ($90^0$C). The indicator first comes on as a warning to either turn down the input level or check the cooling arrangements. Beyond the maximum temperature the amplifier will mute the input signal. Once the cooling fans have brought the output heat sinks back to normal operating temperature the input signal is un-muted.

6. Power LED

The green active LED illuminates to indicate that the amplifier is turned on, and works correctly.

7. AC power switch

Use this to switch on the amplifier. A soft-start system limits the start-up surges.

8. Fan exhaust ports

Heated air exits the amplifier through the exhaust ports, located on the rear of the amplifier chassis. Be sure not to block this ports, especially when rack mounting the amplifier.

9. Input connectors

XLR female is provided on each channel for balanced or unbalanced input. Unfortunate wiring, in the proximity of dimmers or other generalised phase controls, motors, transformer, etc. can cause interference into your system. You will hear loud humming or a bumping noise in the loudspeakers. Balanced wiring suppresses these noises quite significantly.

10. Impedance matching (OVP switch)

The VOP switches are located on the rear panel. The VOP (Minimum Load Select) switches Offer impedance matching, so you can drive the X6000 into 2 ohms without increased heat loss.

As stated earlier, the X6000 can produce 2300 watts into both, 2 and 4 ohms. Use lower OVP settings when connecting to lower impedance loads as shown in table 1. As can be seen in table 1, the X6000 can produce output power in excess of 2000 watts.

| | | MLS SWITCH SETTING |
|---|---|---|
| LOAD | CONFIGURATION | 0 dB |
| 8 ohms | Stereo (2 channel) | 1300 W |
| 4 ohms | Stereo (2 channel) | 2300 W |
| 2 ohms | Stereo (2 channel) | 2900 W [2]<br>3200 W [1] |
| | | |
| 16 ohms | Bridge mono | 2600 W |
| 8 ohms | Bridge mono | 4600 W |
| 4 ohms | Bridge mono | 5800 W [1] |

12. Input Sensitivity/Gain
The standard settings are: 1.4V, 32dB, 26dB, selection is independent for each channel. Use this function to match the amplifier's sensitivity/gain with the other connected equipment. As option, is possible adjust the unit for any sensitivity/gain. Note that every increase of the gain will decrease the S/N ratio.

13. Mode operation switches
Setup these switches for the desired operation mode. For reference see Figure 1.

14. Speakon output connectors
The unit has four Speakon connectors as outputs: CH 1 and CH 2. Every one permit the connection of both channels for stereo operation or parallel mode. For bridge operation the CH1 connector should be used. For reference see Figure 1.

15. A.C. Power cable
The unit have one A.C. power cable. Before connection, be sure that the cable is not frayed or broken. The connection must be made only in a plug with the electrical ground wire system.

16. S.N. label
Every unit has a label indicating: the model, and the bar code serial number.





## Operation

### Grounding

There is no ground lift switch or terminal on this amplifier. The signal ground is always floating via a resistor to chassis, and the grounding system is automatic. If a potential above 0.6V is presents in between signal ground and chassis ground, a short circuit is introduced between the two, thereby enabling electrical protection. If a unit in the system is faulty, its mains fuse will blow due to this automatic ground system. If however you wish to tie the signal ground to chassis, connect the XLR-connector`s shell lug to pin 1. In the interest of safety never disconnect the earth pin on the AC power cord.
For all units that are FCC approved (radio interference), there is an AC mains filter. This filter needs the chassis ground for reference, otherwise a current loop is formed via the signal ground. Use the balanced input to avoid hum and interference.

### Connecting Power and Circuit size requirements

Amplifier's power requirement are rated at idle, at 1/8 and 1/3 power ("severe" music condition). The maximum power current draw rating is limited only by the internal fuses. Consult the specification at the end of this manual for the power each amplifier will demand. Mains voltage must also be correct and the same as that printed on the rear of the amplifier.
Damage caused by connecting the amplifier to improper AC voltage is not covered by any warranty.
Note: always switch off and disconnect the amplifier from mains voltage before making audio connections, and as an extra precaution, have the attenuators turned down during power-up.

### Cooling Requirements

Amplifier use a forced air cooling system to maintain a low, even operating temperature. Drawn by a infinitely variable speed fans mounted inside the unit, air enters through the front
grills with dust filter, and courses through the cooling fins of the heatsinks, which dissipates power transistor heat, before exiting through the rear panel ports. Make sure that there is enough space around the front of the amplifier to allow air to enter, and around the units to allow the heated air to exit. If the amp is rack-mounted, do not use doors or covers on the front and rear of the rack; the air must flow through the amplifier without resistance.
Note: whatever type of rack you are using, make sure that the heated air can escape freely, and that there is not resistance to the intake of cool air through the front grill.

### Configuration

Use the configuration switch configurate the amplifier to meet your requirements. The setup must be done with the unit switched off. With the switches and jumpers is possible to configurate the amplifier for the following functions: